Contrasting Bonds: Family vs. Friends in 2013.

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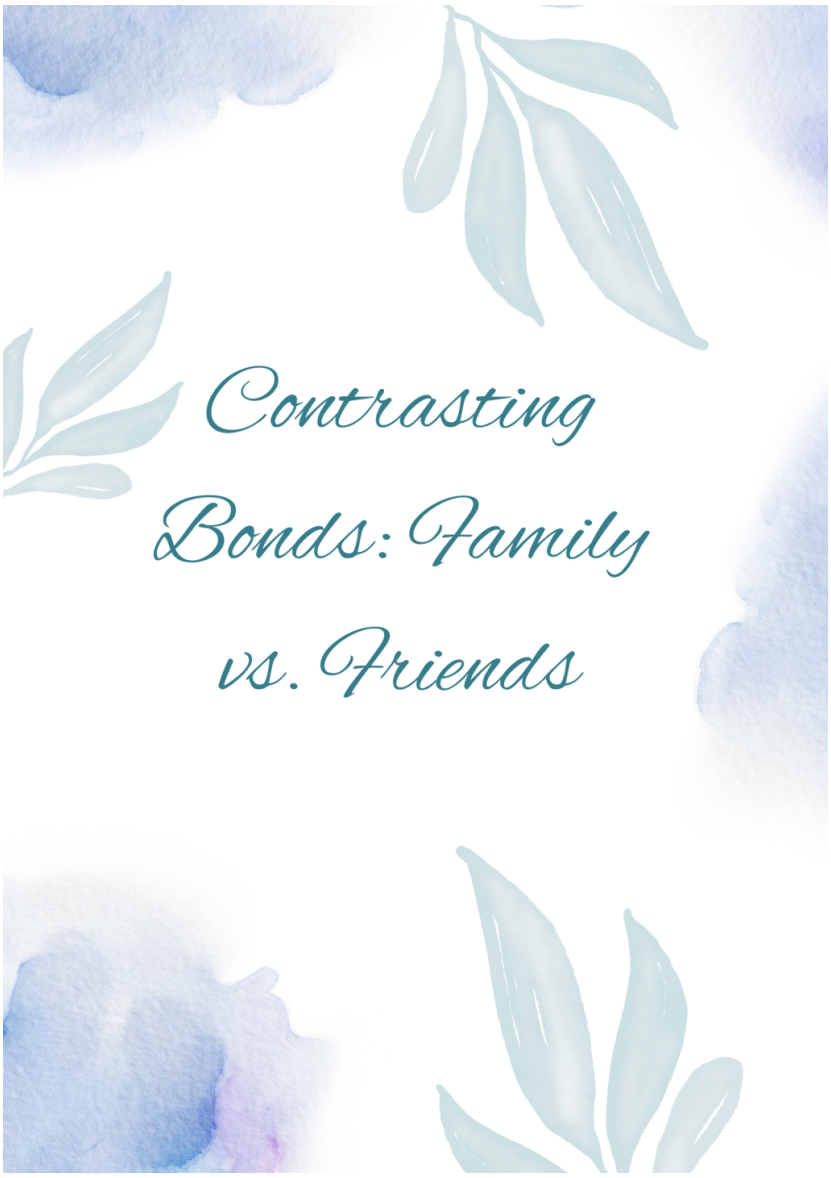

I had not spoken much about my family in my previous reflections. While I cherished my friendships and valued them greatly, I understood that my family held an even more significant place in my life. They were a constant presence, not requiring verbal expressions to understand and support me. They would be with me until the end, that was certain.

Writing about my friends and sharing memories with them did not mean they were everything to me. They were a significant part of my life, perhaps about 25%, but I also cherished my alone time at home, indulging in entertainment through TV, my laptop, and phone. Even though mobile phones allowed me to stay connected with friends, I considered my personal enjoyment and relaxation as equally important.

Friendships might change after school, and new people may enter my life in new environments. However, my family and relatives would always remain by my side. They were the ones who truly knew me, my strengths and weaknesses. Yet, even with my friends, I never fully revealed my true self. I held back certain aspects, including my disability, from them.

I often wore a smile on my face, appeared relaxed, and found joy in the simplest of things. However, that was not the entirety of who I was. Only God truly knew the depths of my personality, the true essence of who I am.

This house holds countless memories from my time spent with my cousin sister, Epshipha. We shared precious moments playing with a kitchen set, sleeping side by side, and engaging in heartfelt conversations. We even bathed together at a nearby place and enjoyed the thrill of cracking fireworks during celebrations, creating a tapestry of cherished memories.

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